

SC Annual District Report Card Summary

KERSHAW COUNTY School District

Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 10,495 Superintendent: Frank E. Morgan, Ed.D.

Board Chair: Mara H. Jones

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD E		ESEA/FEDERAL	ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	В	N/A
2013	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	В	N/A
2012	Good	Good	N/A	N/A	В	N/A
ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*						
EXCELL	ENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW A	/ERAGE	AT-RISK
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^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

SC PASS					
SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	77.0%	74.4%	71.8%	75.5%	79.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.7%	74.1%	71.8%	76.8%	77.6%
Average District	73.9%	72.3%	70.2%	75.9%	76.2%

SC PASS					
SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	%	%	%	%	%
	Exemplary	Exemplary	Exemplary	Exemplary	Exemplary
District	44.7%	36.0%	26.7%	35.1%	40.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	43.6%	37.7%	26.7%	37.4%	39.5%
Average District	42.4%	36.6%	26.6%	37.5%	38.6%

HSAP						
HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2	Passed 1	Passed No			
HSAP: 2nd fear Students	Subtests	Subtest	Subtests			
District	79.0%	15.3%	5.7%			
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.4%	13.5%	7.2%			

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)			
District	89.6%		
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.9%		

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)				
District	79.7%			
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.6%			

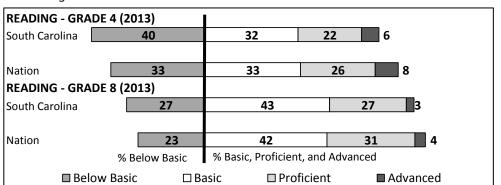
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	82.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.0%

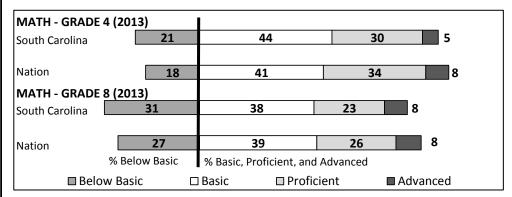
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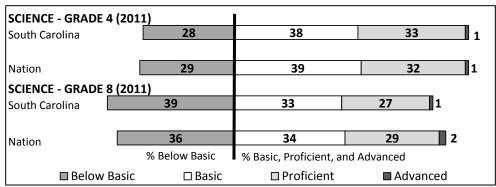
NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.







SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

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	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 10,495)				
Retention Rate	2.3%	Up from 2.1%	1.6%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.6%	Up from 95.9%	96.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.3%	Up from 17.6%	16.7%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	11.2%	Down from 11.6%	12.5%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	Up from 4.5%	3.7%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Down from 1.5%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	26.5%	Up from 18.6%	20.9%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	47.9%	N/A	51.7%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	24.0%	Up from 22.2%	42.0%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	201	Up from 83	139	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	121	Up from 59	32	31
Annual dropout rate	1.9%	No change	2.5%	2.3%
Teachers (n = 644)		,		
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.6%	Down from 67.1%	61.9%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	83.1%	Down from 86.6%	83.1%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	No change	91.8%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.7%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,225	Up 0.1%	\$49,135	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Classes not taught by higly qualified teachers	3.5%	Up from 2.4%	2.0%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	8.8 days	Down from 9.9 days	11.1 days	11.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.8 to 1	Up from 23.9 to 1	20.9 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Up from 89.3%	90.7%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,760	Up 1.7%	\$8,851	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.4%	Down from 53.0%	54.8%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.9%	Down from 59.0%	58.2%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No change	19	9
Portable classrooms	1.0%	Up from 0.8%	1.0%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No change	13.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	95.7%	Down from 98.6%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$84,010	Up 0.7%	\$80,401	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	86.1	Down from 88.7	86.0	79.5
* Length of contract = 185+ days.		**Prior year audited financ	ial data available.	

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	SC PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

This has been another school year of great student achievement and academic excellence. The Kershaw County School District's (KCSD) federal accountability grade on the state report card was a high B—only 1.3 percentage points below an A—while the district earned an "Excellent" for its Absolute and Growth ratings, one of only two school districts in Midlands to do so and one of only 18 in SC. Fifteen of the district's 18 schools earned an A or B on their ESEA grades, indicating their performance exceeded or substantially exceeded the state's expectations. Five schools—Baron DeKalb Elementary, Bethune Elementary, Blaney Elementary, Midway Elementary and Mt. Pisgah Elementary—were named Reward Schools for Performance as one of SC's highest performing Title I schools. Ten schools—Baron DeKalb Elementary, Bethune Elementary, Camden Elementary, Camden High, Leslie M. Stover Middle, Lugoff Elementary, Lugoff-Elgin High, North Central High, North Central Middle, Wateree Elementary—were recognized in the Palmetto Gold and Silver program for academic achievement and closing achievement gaps. Local 3rd-8th graders' PASS scores were higher than state averages in 37 of 40 categories. Kershaw County seniors' average composite score on the ACT college entrance exam increased three-tenths of a point, reaching an all-time district high while outperforming the state's public school students in all four test areas. KCSD's dropout rate decreased a percentage point and was lower than the state average. Seniors in the graduating class of 2014 earned an all-time record high amount of college scholarship money with over \$11.6 million.

The district's performance received statewide and national recognition at all levels. North Central High was one of only 65 schools in the state to receive a Palmetto Gold Award for both academic performance and closing the achievement gap, earning the title of a "superstar" from State Superintendent of Education Mick Zais. North Central High also received a bronze award in U.S. News & World Report's 2014 ranking of the best high schools in the nation. Camden High was one of five schools named as a 2014 Palmetto's Finest award winner. KCSD received five awards for its communication efforts from the SC chapter of the National School Public Relations Association. Fourteen more KCSD teachers earned National Board certification or recertification, bringing the total number of teachers who are National Board certified to 130 or 18 percent of our teaching staff. KCSD Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Connie Long received a SCASA Lifetime Achievement Award. As KCSD Superintendent, I was humbled to be named one of three finalists for SCASA's Superintendent of the Year Award and also receive the Jake E. Watson award from the United Way of Kershaw County.

KCSD renewed its full accreditation status from AdvancED, which is good for the district and all its schools, and was noted to have outstanding efforts in communication and community engagement as well as monitoring and delivery of data and strategic plan results. KCSD continued to garner national attention for its \$5.7 million "Safe Schools/Healthy Students" grant, which wrapped up its last year although many of its programs will continue to be operated by local groups. KCSD again received "unqualified opinions"—the top results possible—during its annual financial audit.

Frank E. Morgan, Ed.D., Superintendent

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